



# THE CORSAIR

*IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter*

Congratulations, everyone. We made it to December. Lots of things were accomplished in November. We held our elections at the November meeting, with Dick Christ elected as President, Kevin Henthorn as Vice-President, Bill Dunkle as Treasurer, John Carroll as Secretary, and Tim Bongard as Member At Large. Special thanks to Scott Cohen for the work on the elections and the ballots. I'd also like to thank these fine members who have volunteered to help move the club forward for the next two years, along with the appointed members of the E-Board who have volunteered to continue in their positions.

Also in November, we held one of the premier model shows in the Southwest, Modelzona. Saturday, 6 November, was a very busy day for a lot of people. We had 508 models entered in 55 different categories and 8 different classes. I'm pretty sure this was our second-largest show ever. There were some truly outstanding models on display and I know the judges had very difficult times determining winners. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who entered the contest or put models on the display tables. Of course, none of this could have happened without all the volunteers we had. We had people who came in on Friday before the show to move furniture and set up and prepare the tables in the contest room, the vendor rooms, the Make-N-Take area, and the registration area. We had tons of people who helped with guest entry, registration, vendor assistance, and judging. All in all, a well-run, well-attended, well-done show. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

This month will, of course, be our White Elephant swap, so wrap something up to enter in the gift swap and take part. It's always a lot of fun and a lot of laughs. Also, if you have an idea for a presentation you'd like to give or one you'd like to see next year, let me or Dick Christ know and we'll see about getting something worked out for the future.

This will be my last President's Message. I'm turning over the gavel to Dick Christ after the December meeting. It has been an honor (and an occasional pain in my tuches) to serve.

See you at the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>.



## Corsair Stop Press Dates 2022

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## Display Models November



## Display Models November



Merry  
Christmas





## Contest Models November





# Contest Models November





## Contest Winners November



Advance Winner (Armour)  
Craig Brown  
"Nashorn"



Novice Winner (Armour)  
Carlos Cisneros  
"Jeep"



Novice Winner (Autos)  
Paul Varda  
"1983 Buick"



Advance Winner (Autos)  
Tim Bongard  
"Porsche Lowenbrau"



## Raffle Winners November



Merry Christmas

## Raffle Winners November



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## B-25C Mark Rossmann

The B-25C was manufactured at the Inglewood North American and the B-25D was manufactured at the Kansas City North American plant, with deliveries of both models beginning in January of 1942. Block numbers for "C" and "D" were identical; -5, -10, -15, -20, -25. The "D" had two additional block numbers of -30 and -35. In all 1619 "C" and 2290 "D" models were produced.



Autopilot, 24 volt electrical system, larger wing tanks and removable bomb bay tank became standard features. The more powerful R-2600-13 engine with Holly Carburetors replaced former R-2600-9 engines. Individual exhaust stacks requiring exit fairings on the cowlings gave the later "C" and "D"s an easy identification feature. The bomb bay was enlarged; fittings to carry under wing bombs increased load from 3,000 lbs to 5,100 lbs, and short belly torpedo were included. .50 caliber nose gun replaced the previous .30 caliber, also adding an astrodome for the navigator to take star/sun fixes.



## B-25C

### Mark Rossmann

67 "C" and "D" models went to the British as "Mitchell II's", 162 to the Netherlands, 4 to Canada and 29 to Brazil. One "D" was converted to an F-10 photo recon, which proved successful. Ten more were ordered with more powerful R-2600-29 engines. Much excessive weight was stripped off for improved speed, while the cameras were positioned in the rear fuselage and mounted on a tri-metrogen arrangement in the chin.



Models are the 1/48 Accurate Miniature B-25 which are well engineered. The only problem was the decals were printed off center, but after locating the Albatros "Dragons and tigers and girls..oh my!" in 2005, I decided it was time to build some of them.





## B-25C

### Mark Rossmann

Aircraft #1 on the sheet is a B-25C-5-NA (s/n 42-53451) of the 310<sup>th</sup> BG / 428<sup>th</sup> BS M.T.O. located in Tunisia in 1943. Noted are the yellow horizontal bands on the tail, these were adopted in April of 1943. This aircraft does carry the lower turret which was deleted from later "C" and "D" versions. It was noted that the periscope finder was useless to track enemy fighters; it just made the gunners dizzy.



The P-51 is "Mah Sweet Eva Lee" from the 154<sup>th</sup> recon squadron, also in Tunisia. (Accurate Miniatures)



## B-25C

### Mark Rossmann

The "D" bomber is aircraft #2 on the sheet and is a B-25D-1 (s/n 41-30026) of the 345<sup>th</sup> BG / 498<sup>th</sup> BS P.T.O., located at Port Moresby in October 1943. Note the all white tails designating this squadron. This aircraft does not carry the lower turret and is capped over. It also carries field modified four .50 cal's in the bombardier nose compartment and twin 50's on each fuselage side.



Information:

ALC-48008 Decal sheet

Squadron Signal Publications #34,

Instruction sheet Osprey's Combat Aircraft #32 "B25 Mitchell Units of the MTO".



## 1/48 scale Roden Arado Ar68F Keenan Chittester

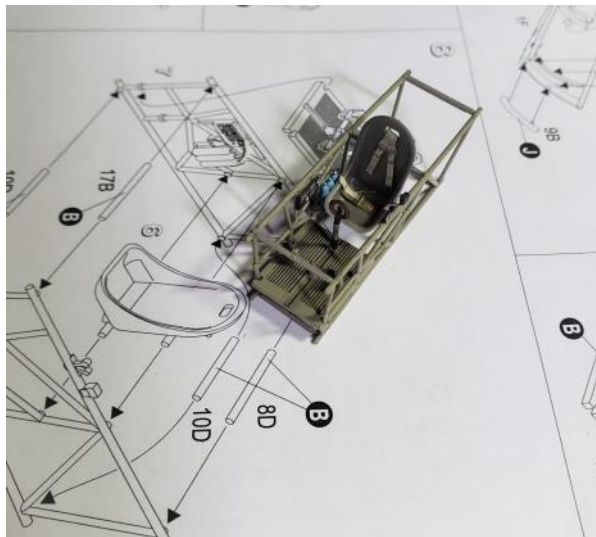
The Arado Ar68F kit by Roden is one of two version that they produce, the other being the "E" version. The bulk of both kits are the same with the exception of the sprue containing the cowling parts, since the E and F used different engines. The kit contains around 100 nicely molded parts in a medium gray plastic plus a clear plastic windscreen. There are no photo-etch or resin parts. Instructions are provided in black and white on 8 pages in 15 steps. There is also a separate two-sided sheet with two of the color schemes shown in color. Decals are provided for three marking options, all of which are very different from each other. A standard RLM70/71/65 option is included, along with an overall red machine with a white lightning bolt/arrow running the length of the fuselage and a white skull and cross-bones on the vertical tail. There is also an overall RLM63 gray machine with blue trim around the cowling and along the spine of the fuselage, which is the version that I chose to model.



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The plastic is slightly soft, which makes sanding easier and also helps with removal from the sprues of some of the more delicate parts. I used a fine razor saw to remove most of the parts. Mold seams were not too bad, but some parts still needed some cleanup here and there. There are a couple of minor sink marks on the lower fuselage and on the back of one of the prop blades that have to be filled.

Construction starts with the cowling. The exhaust parts are provided as separate parts – six on each side – and each one requires cleanup of the sprue attachments. I drilled out one end on each part, painted them and then left them aside to attach after the painting was done. I also did not attach the guns or instrument panel until after painting. You have the option of an open or closed oil cooler vent and I chose the closed option. Most of the pictures I found showed it closed. By the way, a very valuable resource for me was Classic Colours Luftwaffe Colours, Volume One, Section 1: Jagdwaffe – Birth of the Luftwaffe Fighter Force by Eric Mombeek. There are many pictures of the Ar68 both in flight and on the ground. The next couple of steps deal with the rudder and tail wheel and then we finally get to the cockpit. The cockpit is very nicely detailed and really only needs seatbelts to make it complete. I had some Eduard steel pre-painted seatbelts left over from another project and I used them. It would have been nice if Roden had supplied a decal for the instrument panel, but it turned out OK just painting it. Since there are no locator pins it was a little fiddly getting all the cockpit parts together. Attaching the floor to the tubular side frames seemed to be the best plan of attack as it helped get the framing lined up pretty well. I used Testors liquid glue in the black triangular bottle which gave me a little more working time. An extra set of hands probably would have been helpful also. There is also a lovely little pistol which goes under the cockpit coaming, and although the location is vague in the instructions, there is a tiny dimple on the starboard side that I attached it to.





## 1/48 scale Roden Arado Ar68F Keenan Chittester

Attaching the flaps to the upper and lower wings comprised the next couple of steps. The wings are provided as a one piece upper wing and left and right lower wings. A U-shaped step attaches to the port lower wing, but I left that until later to prevent it from getting knocked off during construction. Holes for the step are provided on both lower wing parts, but all the pictures that I saw showed the step to be on the port side, so the holes have to be filled in the other lower wing. I noticed in many of the pictures that the flaps on the upper wing were deflected slightly – one slightly up and the other down – so I glued them accordingly. In retrospect, I should have waited until after the entire airframe was together to attach them because it caused problems trying to get the wings parallel in my biplane jig. After gluing all the main landing gear parts together, step 14 deals with bringing all the fuselage components together and here is where some guesswork is necessary. For starters, part B-15, which attaches to the elevator and rear fuselage, is not shown but it is fairly easy to tell where it goes. The instructions also show two options for the tailwheel, so check your references. Part 6-A is shown to attach to the two pins on the back of the seat (part 5-D), but I found it easier to glue it to the top of the cockpit framing. I also had to add a spacer made from sprue to spread the forward part of the fuselage slightly so that it aligned better with the cowling. I can't say whether that was a fault of the kit or the builder. After getting the fuselage together and the lower wings and landing gear attached, I drilled some small holes in the appropriate spots for the rigging. The instructions do not include a rigging diagram, but the instructions for Rodens Ar68E do have a rigging diagram so I referred to that along with the box art and photographs from the Jagdwaffe book mentioned above.

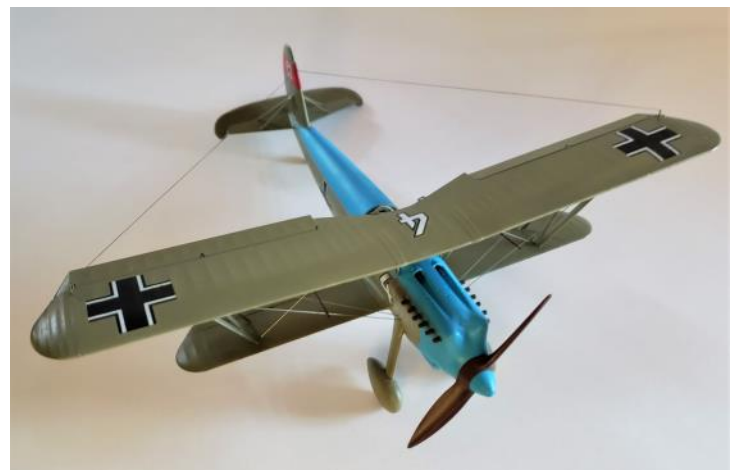


## 1/48 scale Roden Arado Ar68F Keenan Chittester

I then moved on to painting. I used AK Real Colors RLM 63 for the entire airframe, then used Vallejo Deep Sky Blue for the trim color. The painting instructions indicate that the lower surfaces are red, but that is incorrect.

After painting it was time to move on to adding the struts and upper wing. This was a bit of an adventure for me, but in the end everything turned out fine. I am not an experienced biplane builder, so I can't fault the kit too much. I thought the attachment points could have been a little more robust, but when everything was together it made for a very sturdy assembly. As I expected there was some touch up painting to be done afterward, but nothing major. I then applied a coat of Future and applied the decals, which did not take too long. The decals went on nicely with the aid of Micro Set and Sol, although there was just the tiniest bit of white that showed out of register on the balkenkreuz decals. I messed up the two-part swastika decal that goes on the tail, so I had to dig out a Techmod sheet of swastikas from my stash.

The rigging is not too complex, which is a good thing for a biplane newbie like me. I used steel wire cut just slightly long and placed them in the holes that I had pre-drilled, adding a drop of thin Gator glue to keep them secure. The small windscreen was also attached with Gator glue and the antenna wire was added with fine E Z Line and the Arado was done! This is a nice little kit with some colorful marking options. The fact that it is a limited run kit means it is suitable for intermediate or advanced modelers, but it is well worth the effort. And the limited amount of rigging makes it a good starting point for somebody just getting into biplane modeling. I sincerely recommend this kit to anyone who has an interest in 1/48 Luftwaffe aircraft. Many thanks to Roden for the review kit, and also for producing kits of lesser known subjects.





# *2021 Club Contest Themes*

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**January:** TBA

**February:** TBA

**March:** TBA

**April:** TBA

**May:** TBA

**June:** “Your Best Covid Build” one model entry only

**July:** Navy (surface and submerged)

**August:** Sci Fi

**September:** Airplanes(fixed and rotary)

**October:** **Cancelled**

**November:** Autos/Armour (Two entries per Category only)

**December:** “White Elephant”

**Note there will be no competition due to the White Elephant but displays are welcome**



# EDITORS CORNER

## BY LYN GORTON

Your new executive committee who will take over at the start of 2022



Bill Dunkle  
Treasurer

Tim Bongard  
Member at Large

John Carol  
Secretary

Kevin Henthorn  
Vice President

Dick Christ  
President







# EDITORS CORNER

## BY LYN GORTON

Well here we are .The last Corsair for this year and a distinct improvement over 2020. Modelzona went well and I am sure those of you who attended went home happy. I am sure pictures and results will be on the online webpage very soon. Until then you can always look at all the pictures and comments on the clubs facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1511862242372135>)

The meeting on December 7th will of course be the annual white elephant gift exchange and for those of you who may be new to this festivity here are the basic guidelines.

Bring a gift or gifts (model related ie kits tools etc) to the club meeting on the 7th, wrap them to make it festive.

For each gift you bring you will draw a random number and this will be the order in which you get your turn to pick a gift from the table.

Gifts may be stolen twice ie you win it, somebody steals it and then somebody else steals it again. Once that has happened the gift is safe and can not be stolen again.

You can use your allotted ticket to steal a gift if you do not want to take a chance on the table. You can only use your ticket on your turn.

This is a fun lighthearted event so please refrain from bitterness and death threats to anyone who may steal from you. If you are so uptight do not play the game.

I would like to thank all of you that have contributed to the Corsair this year and please continue to do so.I will take articles on any subject that can be model related. I have previously published builds, Historical articles and kit reviews. All that is required is text in a basic word format and any pictures should be jpg.I will make sure it fits the pages. All you have to do is send it to me at my email address ([lyngorton@hotmail.com](mailto:lyngorton@hotmail.com)) The stop press dates are on the front page of the Corsair and those are the dates that I need your articles to enable me to get your Corsair published and distributed by the last week of the month.

**If you do not receive your Cortsair by the 1st of the month please contact me as I can check up on the status of your email address**

As you can see on the previous page the new committee has been elected and will take over in the New Year. I will continue as newsletter editor and membership coordinator (both non elected positions)

Last of all I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the club and I wish you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving and Christmas /New Year Holiday



# Membership

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- . Monthly contest awards**
- . Annual club Christmas party**
- . And more**

**Remember that you have to be a member **in good standing** to enter and win competitions, get a copy of the monthly newsletter sent directly to your email, and vote for anything that the club brings to the table.**

**So Make sure to see Treasurer, “Bill Dunkle”, at the club meeting to sign up for membership**



**2021 CLUB MEETING CALENDAR**

All meetings held at American Legion Post #1, 364 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003

**JANUARY 2021**Tuesday 5th, 7pm  
Seminar/Speaker:**JULY 2021**Tuesday 6th, 7pm  
Seminar/Speaker:**FEBRUARY 2021**Tuesday 2nd 7pm  
Seminar/Speaker:**AUGUST 2021**Tuesday 3rd, 7pm  
Event : **Club Swapmeet****MARCH 2021**Tuesday 2nd, 7pm  
Seminar/Speaker:**SEPTEMBER 2021**Tuesday 7th, 7pm  
Seminar/Speaker:**APRIL 2021**Tuesday 6th 7pm  
Seminar/Speaker:**OCTOBER 2021**Tuesday 5th, 7pm  
Seminar/Speaker:**MAY 2021**Tuesday 4th, 7pm  
Seminar/Speaker:**NOVEMBER 2021**Tuesday 2nd, 7pm  
Seminar/Speaker: Brian Baker Aircraft  
at Oshkosh**JUNE 2021**Tuesday 1st, 7pm  
Seminar/Speaker:**DECEMBER 2021**Tuesday 7th, 7pm  
Event: **White Elephant**



## December Raffle

Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5.

No Raffle this month as it is the club “White Elephant” event

See notes on editors page



## UPCOMING EVENTS

## IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

### 2022 Chapter Officers

The club meets at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post #1 in Phoenix. Check the club website at [www.ipms-phoenix.com](http://www.ipms-phoenix.com) for more meeting info.

#### **American Legion Post #1**

364 N. 7th Ave.  
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The post is located South of I-10 just a few blocks North of Van Buren. Look for the huge American flag.

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| Plasmo—good visual instructions on “You Tube” | just search for plasmo   |
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| “How to “Videos                               | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/Andyshobbyheadquarters">Youtube.com/Andyshobbyheadquarters</a>  |
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| Sky Harbor Informational site                 | <a href="http://www.visitingphx.com/index.html">http://www.visitingphx.com/index.html</a>  |
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| Video tour of USAF Museum in Ohio             | <a href="https://aerodynamicmedia.com/usaf-museum-storage-video/">https://aerodynamicmedia.com/usaf-museum-storage-video/</a>                    |

If you have a good reference site let me have a brief description and a web address and we will keep this list as a reference.

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Membership also gives you access to the online Discussion Forum, where you can exchange ideas and information with other members of IPMS.



## CONTENT NEEDED!!!!

The Corsair needs your help! To keep this newsletter filled with all the great content, I need your help with content. Here are some useful items that I can use to put together future issues each month:

- Kit reviews/In-box reviews
- Website links
- Modeling related articles
- Commentary and featured columns
- Neat, strange or otherwise shareable pictures
- Book reviews
- Trip and vacation write-ups

Anything you have can be used. Don't hesitate. Even a few paragraphs are great.

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